

Proverbs 26

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Proverbs About Fools

- 1** As snow in summer, and as rain in harvest, so honour is not seemly for a fool.
 - 2** As the bird by wandering, as the swallow by flying, so the curse causeless shall not come.
 - 3** A whip for the horse, a bridle for the ass, and a rod for the fool's back.
 - 4** Answer not a fool according to his folly, lest thou also be like unto him.
 - 5** Answer a fool according to his folly, lest he be wise in his own conceit.
 - 6** He that sendeth a message by the hand of a fool cutteth off the feet, and drinketh damage.
 - 7** The legs of the lame are not equal: so is a parable in the mouth of fools.
 - 8** As he that bindeth a stone in a sling, so is he that giveth honour to a fool.
 - 9** As a thorn goeth up into the hand of a drunkard, so is a parable in the mouth of fools.
 - 10** The great God that formed all things both rewardeth the fool, and rewardeth transgressors.
 - 11** As a dog returneth to his vomit, so a fool returneth to his folly.
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- 12** Seest thou a man wise in his own conceit? there is more hope of a fool than of him.

Proverbs About Sluggards

- 13** The slothful man saith, There is a lion in the way; a lion is in the streets.
- 14** As the door turneth upon his hinges, so doth the slothful upon his bed.
- 15** The slothful hideth his hand in his bosom; it grieveth him to bring it again to his mouth.
- 16** The sluggard is wiser in his own conceit than seven men that can render a reason.

Proverbs About Meddlers and Quarrels

- 17** He that passeth by, and meddleth with strife belonging not to him, is like one that taketh a dog by the ears.
- 18** As a mad man who casteth firebrands, arrows, and death,
- 19** So is the man that deceiveth his neighbour, and saith, Am not I in sport?
- 20** Where no wood is, there the fire goeth out: so where there is no talebearer, the strife ceaseth.
- 21** As coals are to burning coals, and wood to fire; so is a contentious man to kindle strife.

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- 22** The words of a talebearer are as wounds, and they go down into the innermost parts of the belly.
- 23** Burning lips and a wicked heart are like a potsherd covered with silver dross.
- 24** He that hateth dissembleth with his lips, and layeth up deceit within him;
- 25** When he speaketh fair, believe him not: for there are seven abominations in his heart.

26 Whose hatred is covered by deceit, his wickedness shall be shewed before the whole congregation.

27 Whoso diggeth a pit shall fall therein: and he that rolleth a stone, it will return upon him.

28 A lying tongue hateth those that are afflicted by it; and a flattering mouth worketh ruin.

HEBREW & GREEK WORD STUDIES

Believe — אָמֵן (Aman)

To believe, trust, be faithful

The Hebrew **aman** (אָמֵן) means to believe or confirm—the root of 'Amen.' It conveys firm trust and reliability. Abraham 'believed in the LORD; and he counted it to him for righteousness' (Genesis 15:6).

Hope — תִּקְוָה (Tikvah)

Hope, expectation

The Hebrew **tikvah** (תִּקְוָה) means hope or expectation—confident trust in God's promises. 'Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the LORD his God' (Psalm 146:5).

Word — דָּבָר (Davar)

Word, thing, matter

The Hebrew **davar** (דָּבָר) means word, thing, or matter—God's creative and authoritative speech. 'By the word of the LORD were the heavens made' (Psalm 33:6).

CROSS REFERENCES

Proverbs 26:1 **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 19:10; 28:16; Psalms 12:8

Proverbs 26:2 **Curse:** Numbers 23:8; 1 Samuel 17:43; Nehemiah 13:2; Psalms 109:28.

Parallel theme: Proverbs 27:8; 2 Samuel 16:12

Proverbs 26:3 **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 10:13; Psalms 32:9; 1 Corinthians 4:21

Proverbs 26:4 **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 26:5; 1 Kings 12:14; 1 Peter 3:9

Proverbs 26:5 **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 3:7; 26:4; 26:12; 28:11; John 8:7; Romans 11:25; 12:16; Titus 1:13

Proverbs 26:6 **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 10:26; 13:17; 25:13

Proverbs 26:7 **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 17:7; 26:9; Psalms 64:8

Proverbs 26:8 **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 26:1; 30:22

Proverbs 26:9 **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 23:35

Proverbs 26:10 **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 11:31; Romans 2:6

Proverbs 26:11 **Parallel theme:** Exodus 8:15; Matthew 12:45; 2 Peter 2:22

Proverbs 26:12 **Hope:** Proverbs 29:20. **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 3:7; 22:29; 26:5; 26:16; 28:11; Matthew 21:31; Luke 7:44; Romans 12:16; Revelation 3:17

Proverbs 26:13 **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 15:19; 19:15; 22:13

Proverbs 26:14 **Parallel theme:** Hebrews 6:12

Proverbs 26:15 **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 19:24

Proverbs 26:16 **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 12:15; 26:12; 1 Peter 3:15

Proverbs 26:17 **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 18:6; 20:3; Luke 12:14

Proverbs 26:18 **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 25:18

Proverbs 26:19 **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 10:23; Ephesians 5:4

Proverbs 26:20 **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 16:28; 22:10; 26:22; James 3:6

Proverbs 26:21 **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 15:18; 29:22

Proverbs 26:22 **Word:** Proverbs 18:8

Proverbs 26:23 **Evil:** Luke 11:39. **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 10:18; 25:4; Ezekiel 33:31; Matthew 23:27

Proverbs 26:24

Parallel theme: Proverbs 10:18; 11:1; 12:5; 12:17; 12:20; 14:8; Psalms 41:6

Proverbs 26:25 **Faith:** Jeremiah 12:6; Micah 7:5; Matthew 24:23. **Parallel theme:** Psalms 12:2; 28:3

Proverbs 26:26 **Parallel theme:** Genesis 4:8; 1 Samuel 18:17; 18:21

Proverbs 26:27 **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 28:10; Esther 7:10; Psalms 9:15; 10:2; 57:6; Ecclesiastes 10:8

Proverbs 26:28 **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 6:24; 7:5; 29:5; John 8:40

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